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***Interference***

Applicant's amendments of June 2, 2004 and July 27, 2004, both of which add claims copied from US patent 5,885,158 for provoking interference. All claims appear allowable to applicant.

This application contains claims which conflict with the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,885,158, now involved in a reexamination proceeding.

Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED until termination of the reexamination proceeding.

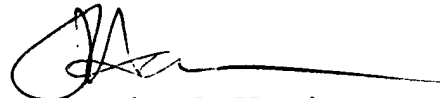
Applicant should inquire as to the status of this application SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica J. Harrison whose telephone number is 571-272-4449. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F during business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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